

POLICE ROOM FULL OF BOYS

One Hundred Violators of the Out-After-Dark Law Were Arrested.

GIRLS ESCAPED THE RAID

Anxious Parents Flocked to Police Station to Pick Out Their Young Hopefuls.

Eds, big kids and little ones, white, brown, yellow and black, some with guns of pride and others with tears washing furrows down their cheeks, some ragged and some showing that they had been carefully smoothed out by a mother's hand, were gathered in the police last night to the number of approximately a hundred. The number is only approximate because it was impossible to count them as they swirled around in the detective's assembly room at headquarters. They were all boys and they had all been grabbed by the officers for being on the street after seven o'clock unaccompanied by some one old enough to look after them. All were under fifteen years old and one was three on Washington's birthday.

The law of the Territory, passed in solemn session of the legislature, ordains that boys and girls under fifteen years of age must be home when the clock strikes seven. The boys did not know this, or if they did they had forgotten. At any rate the police officers picked them up on the streets last night by the patrol wagon full. Some of them were hanging around the entrances of the moving picture shows; others were skylarking generally throughout Chinatown, but the majority had listened to the siren song of the merry-go-round hardy-gardly and were ringed about the circling horses all ready for bagging. All were terrified when the clutch of the law fell upon them, but the majority recovered their nerve when turned loose in the detective room. At nine o'clock last night, just before the string of anxious parents began to arrive for boys and explanations, the hale members of the contingent were grouped about a big table, planning a protest against their arrest without due process of law. The orientals were squatted patiently around the walls, waiting for what fate had in store for them, while Hawaiians and half-whites divided their time between listening to the discourse at the table and wrestling under the noses of the guarding peace officers. In the corners a few of the younger ones wept and wanted their mothers.

"What do you think about this?" an Advertiser reporter inquired of the chairman of the indignation meeting.

"This is sure rotten!" came the quick response, while another of the council seized a copy of The Advertiser from the table and thrust it under the reporter's nose.

"Advertiser, mister! Lots of news!" The sally was greeted with applause, and a warning that if there were not two more whole bunches would be left for examination before Judge Winter. That took the edge off the joke.

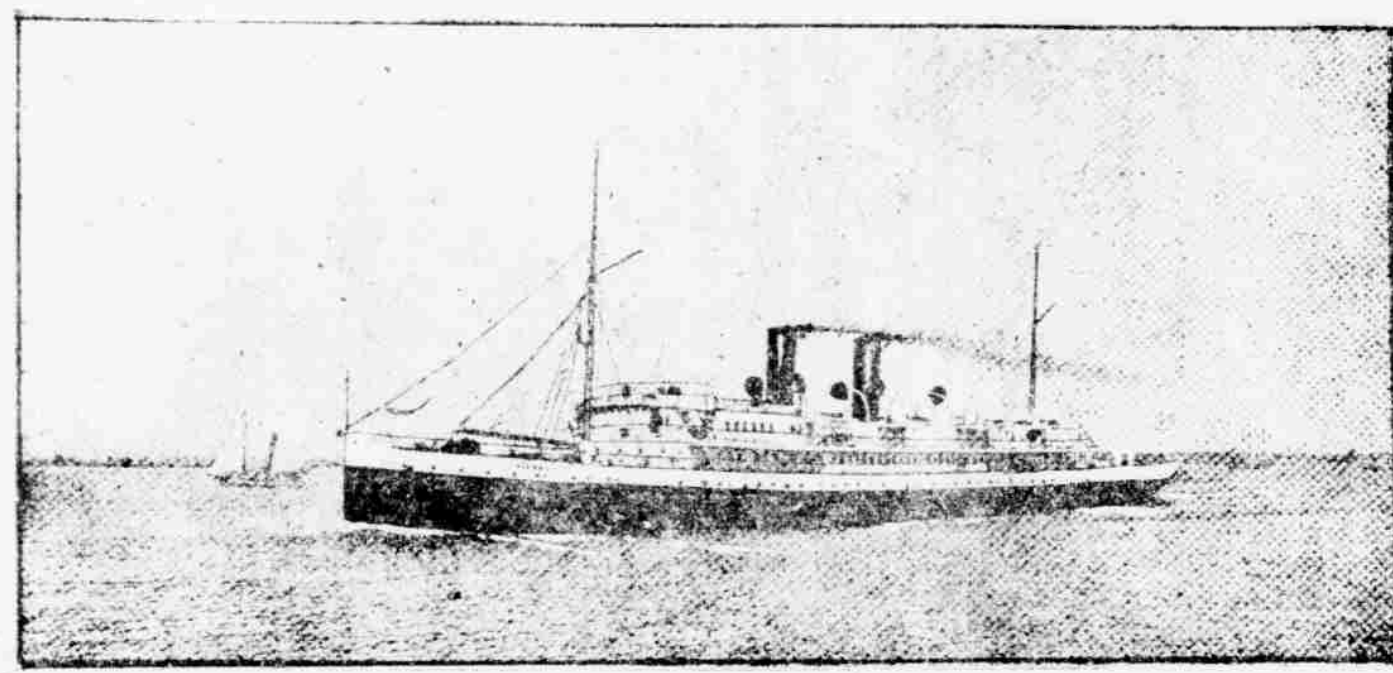
Among the crowd were several little boys, who had their kit boxes over their shoulders. One boy had a cane-battered chair for customer's use, which he used himself during incarceration.

"Say, why ain't there any girls here, I'd like to know?" demanded one youth, whose hopes of chivalry had been beaten out by his ideas of the equality of the sexes. Chief of Detectives McHugh was asked the same question later, for, as a matter of fact, but one representative of the fair sex came within the range of vision of the officers on the rampart.

"The girls were smarter than the boys," explained the chief. As soon as the first arrest was made they scattered for home."

THE SIERRA STARTS ON LOCAL RUN, CAPTAIN HOUDLETTE IN COMMAND

Larger Liner, Completely Refitted and Made an Oil-Burner, Replaces the Little Alameda as the Oceanic Company's Honolulu Ferryboat.



S. S. SIERRA, BIGGEST LOCAL STEAMER HONOLULU HAS YET HAD.

On schedule time the Oceanic steamship Sierra left San Francisco yesterday for Honolulu and is due here on Friday morning. The Sierra replaces the old Alameda on the San Francisco-Honolulu run. She carries about two hundred cabin passengers.

The Sierra is reported to have had a full list of passengers booked. At

least she will arrive here with a large number of passengers.

The Oceanic company has refitted the Sierra throughout and she is now considered a first-class liner in every respect. She has been converted into an oil-burner, thereby increasing her speed materially, and she is reckoned as one of the fastest of the vessels leaving San Francisco. Her cabin accommodations have been entirely refitted and

a wireless plant installed. Everything about the steamer has been brought up to date.

Captain Houdlette, her commander when she was in the San Francisco-Honolulu Australia service, is again in command of the vessel. Parser Thomas Smith of the Alameda holds the same job aboard the Sierra, and there will be many old faces among the officers and crew.

FIFTH CLAIMS SENATORSHIP

Two Out of Three Republican Nominations Declared Due to Fifth District.

W. O. Smith, president of the senate, stated yesterday, in connection with reports that he was on the Republican list of candidates for a nomination for the senate in the coming campaign, that he was not a candidate. Senator Smith said that he would not consent to be a candidate, unless conditions are such that he feels it very important for him to run.

This may be taken as meaning that Senator Smith will not run unless he gets deeply interested in the campaign and is wanted as a candidate, but the senator had nothing to say as to what might happen to induce him to run.

Discussion of the senatorial ticket has brought out the fact that the fifth district men claim that two of the three senators should be from that district this year, according to the unwritten law of the party. There has been an understanding between fourth and fifth district men that the two districts should alternate in having two of the three senatorial nominations. As a matter of fact, the island of Oahu is all one senatorial district. But as a matter of politics, it is two districts, and there is a general understanding that they shall alternate in having the senatorships.

In the list of a dozen prominent Republicans willing to be candidates for the senate next November, W. O. Smith and W. C. Aoki are the only fifth district men. This means that if the Republican party stands by the existing district arrangement there will be a dozen or so men in the fourth district hustling for one nomination for there will be only one due the fourth district this time.

SAYING GOOD-BYE TO DR. AND MRS. BURDETTE

The Kibbana Art League yesterday afternoon held an informal farewell meeting for Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Burdette. The doctor and Mrs. Burdette will leave for the Orient on the Korean, which is due tomorrow from San Francisco. The gathering yesterday gave an opportunity for members of the Art League to give the guests of the day Hawaiian aloha and show up the day of their visit. Doctor and Mrs. Burdette found some old friends in Honolulu and made a lot of new ones. They are keeping up to the last day of their stay here the generous activities as entertainers and helpers which have characterized all their visit, the doctor having addressed the soldiers at Schofield Barracks last night and being booked for a sermon at Lelehu this morning. Among the many distinguished visitors whom the Art League has received, none has ever been given warmer aloha than those which the members gave to Doctor and Mrs. Burdette.

From here Doctor and Mrs. Burdette will go to Japan, and they may make an extensive tour. Their plans are not settled, however, and it is possible that Honolulu will soon see them again on a return trip home.

ENTICED BY SEA STORIES

Missing Seattle Boy May Have Been Shanghaied on Honolulu Bound Boat.

Enticed by stories of adventure at sea, told him by a new found friend, a drunken sailor, Charley Lambert, aged thirteen, has fled from his home at West Seattle, and is believed to be on his way to Honolulu, if he has not already arrived here. Matron McAbee of the Salvation Army Home has received a personal letter from a close friend of the boy's mother, asking her to take measures to ascertain the boy's whereabouts, if he really has come to the Hawaiian Islands.

The parents believe the boy has been shanghaied and fear that if this is true they will never see their son again for years. During the first week in March the boy left his home one morning, ostensibly to go to school as usual. He told his mother he wanted to get an early start. That was the last seen of him. On a street car he met a couple of schoolmates and told them that he was not going to school, but intended making a long trip, going first to Victoria and thence to Honolulu and other far distant places. He showed them a rifle which he had surreptitiously slipped from home. Several hours later he was seen in the company of a drunken sailor in a waterfront pawn shop trying to sell the gun.

Matron McAbee has communicated with the police and is anxiously awaiting news of the boy, if he is here, that she may take him in charge, and return him to his mother.

HILO MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP PLAN

Proposal of Republicans to Operate Electric Light and Telephone Works.

HILO, March 24.—A rather startling proposition was brought up last night at the meeting of the Republican county committee, held in the county building. By a unanimous vote the committee passed a recommendation to the board of supervisors that the county construct and maintain its own electric light plant. The matter was brought up in general discussion and it was stated that the county is now paying between \$300 and \$325 per month for street lights alone and that the bills for lighting the county building, the county offices, stables and waterworks added to this it frequently runs it up close to \$600.

After the meeting had adjourned more talk on the socialistic line was indulged in on the sidewalk and it was proposed that the county should install an automatic telephone system, some of those present believing that it would be a very good paying proposition.

TO CLIMB HALEAKALA.

Rev. R. B. Dodge, of Wailuku, will conduct a party up Haleakala during the Easter vacation, consisting of Mr. Harold S. Clark, preacher in Panalua, and Howell Kenneth Bond and Oswald and James Hind. They expect to come down by way of Hana and Nae'ole. Kohala Midget.

EASTER LILIES.

Bloom fair, ye lilies! Loose the bands Of your green prison! Shake out your robes with fairy tinsels, For "Christ is risen."

Don all your saintly vestures white, Ye symbols holy, Of Him who rose with Easter light, "The meek and lowly."

Lift up your golden eyes to Him In sweet submission, Who, fairer and as free from sin, Was Hope's fruition.

How blessed of all flowers that grow, Your rite performing, To deck His shrine with perfumed snow On Easter morning.

Yet bloom with lowliness the same In Church or prison, And to each waiting heart proclaiming "The Lord is risen!"

Oh, may our souls fair as ye, His Courts adorning, Join in the eternal minstrelsy Some Easter morning.

MRS. THOMAS WEIR.

SHOULD TERRITORY WATCH COUNTIES?

Question of Responsibility for the Handling of Public Money.

THE RUMORS FROM HAWAII

Has Territory Power to Supervise the Counties' Expenditure of Territorial Money?

Is it the duty of the auditor of the Territory to keep track of the funds of the Territory, and watch how they are disbursed, after they are turned over to the counties and become county funds? This is a question that may come up for discussion in view of some reports which have been current since Auditor Fisher's hurry-up trip to Hawaii a few days ago to investigate accounts of the third circuit court.

Rumor had it for a time that some county matters were to be looked into by the auditor. There were reports that the books of the County of Hawaii, it carefully gone over, would show some strange things, and that Fisher had gone to look them over, and though it developed, as published in The Advertiser, that he had gone to investigate territorial court accounts, the question of his duty to watch county finances was raised, and it may come up for serious discussion.

The money which is disbursed by the counties mostly comes from the Territory, being turned over at stated periods from the territorial tax collections. It is territorial money. When the county system was inaugurated, the territorial auditor assisted in the work of starting the county bookkeeping systems. At the present time, as each county has its own auditor, the Territory merely turns over the money and leaves it to the county auditors and other officers to see that things are all right.

But a question is being raised as to whether the auditor of the Territory is not responsible for the money beyond the time when it leaves his hands and passes into the treasuries of the counties.

In the case of criminal matters, though there are separate county departments, the Territory retains power of supervision. The county attorneys are expressly made deputies of the attorney general, however, and there is no provision making county auditors deputies of the territorial auditor. There are sections of the law which provide that the territorial auditor shall examine the books of all "public accountants."

OPIUM MAY BE LANDED AT HILO

Dame rumor has it that the Hilo Japanese fishermen are having a fine time of late, but that they are not making their money out of fish at all, together, says the Hawaii Herald. Opium smuggling is said to prove a very much more remunerative labor than fishing and the market prices of the drug are at present so high that a comparatively small haul, which can easily be shipped to Honolulu for disposal, means a fat profit. The powerful gasoline sampans are said to be bringing in the stuff from outside, possibly dropped over from a steamer with a buoy attached, which gives the location to the opium fisher. On account of the recent disclosures in Honolulu that port is being very carefully watched and it is believed that Hilo has been selected as the basis for operations.

Of course after the opium has once been landed here it is the easiest possible thing to get it to Honolulu. Mr. Smuggler, with a basket well filled with dope, simply goes down to see some of his friends, going as a deck passenger, of course, so as to arouse no suspicion. When he reaches the Oahu port he simply makes one sale of his lot, takes his pay in good gold coin and returns to Hilo to wait for the next shipment. Very little work has been done, certainly by no means as much as would have been needed on a hard trip after deep sea fish, there has been practically no danger, as the representatives of Uncle Sam on the island of Hawaii are too few to cause any great amount of alarm to smugglers, and the profits have been very large. In fact it is really quite a tempting business.

ORGANIZING FOR A JAPANESE BAND

HILO, March 24.—The Japanese at the Hanan boarding school are preparing to break out in the musical line and have made all preparations for the organization of a full band of twenty-six pieces. The instruments have been ordered and are now on hand. Joseph Curcio, of the Hilo band, will act as instructor and pay a visit to Honolulu each week to teach the band out in the musical line and after they have become proficient they will probably give concerts in this town on holidays.

NEW PLAN TO OUST THE SPEAKER

The War Against Cannon Starts Again in the National Capital.

AN OUTSIDER TO PRESIDE

Insurgents Want Speaker's Clerk to Be Made Presiding Officer.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The fight against Speaker Cannon is to be resumed in congress next week, according to persistent rumors in circulation in Washington last night, and it may lead to adoption of a new system of carrying on the house business. It is proposed to have a presiding officer who is not a member of the house.

The English plan of having a parliamentarian, not on the roll of members acting as presiding officer, is being put forward by the anti-Cannon members.

Asher Hinds, at present clerk at the Speaker's desk, is suggested for presiding officer. As clerk at the desk of the Speaker, Hinds has practically been Speaker in many sessions, being the man who keeps track of debates and motions and enables the Speaker to make rulings. The insurgent plan is to amend the house rules so that the presiding officer shall be a non-member, and substitute Hinds for Cannon.

AETNA'S ERUPTION HAS RUN ITS COURSE

CATANIA, Sicily, March 26.—Present indications are that the volcanic eruption has passed its worst stages and the people are beginning to recover their equilibrium. The rumblings of the earth have ceased, and the lava flow from the newly-opened craters is diminishing.

The flow of the lava was very rapid, however, during the period of greatest activity, and the lava rivers already cover an area of twenty-five miles long and varying in width from one to nine miles.

SECRETARY BALLINGER WILL BE A WITNESS

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Secretary Ballinger will testify before the congressional investigating committee in his own behalf.

This announcement was made today after the committee had once refused the request of the prosecution that Ballinger and his witnesses be called.

The defense opened its case today, and Attorney Vertes in his preliminary speech promised to prove that the testimony given by Inspector Glavis and others against Mr. Ballinger was fabricated.

A SHOCKING CRIME.

NEW YORK, March 27.—A crime that has attracted national attention, on account of its unusual atrocity, was committed here yesterday by an eighteen-year-old youth. He enticed a girl of fifteen years to his room by promises of employment. He murdered the girl, soaked the body in kerosene and attempted to burn it. He finally pleaded the remains in a sack, which was seized by the police when he was arrested.

ROOSEVELT IN CAIRO.

CAIRO, Egypt, March 26.—Colonel Roosevelt received the resident Americans of the city today, the affair being the occasion for marked demonstrations of the high regard in which he is held by his countrymen.

STRIKERS BACKING DOWN.

PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—Signs of the disintegration of the general strike are increasing. The sympathetic strike of other unions will be called off at a meeting of the unionists to be held tomorrow.